

## § 622.45

(ii) After the fishing year quota specified in § 622.42(e)(2) is reached, 300 lb (136 kg).

(3) *Snowy grouper*. (i) Until the fishing year quota specified in § 622.42(e)(1) is reached, 2,500 lb (1,134 kg).

(ii) After the fishing year quota specified in § 622.42(e)(1) is reached, 300 lb (136 kg).

(d) *Gulf wild live rock*. Until the quota for wild live rock from the Gulf EEZ is reached in 1996, a daily vessel limit of twenty-five 5-gallon (19-L) buckets, or volume equivalent (16.88 ft<sup>3</sup> (478.0 L)), applies to the harvest or possession of wild live rock in or from the Gulf EEZ, regardless of the number or duration of trips.

(e) *Gulf red snapper*. (1) The trip limit for red snapper in or from the Gulf for a vessel that has on board a valid commercial permit for Gulf reef fish and a valid Class 1 red snapper license is 2,000 lb (907 kg), round or eviscerated weight.

(2) The trip limit for red snapper in or from the Gulf for a vessel that has on board a valid commercial permit for Gulf reef fish and a valid Class 2 red snapper license is 200 lb (91 kg), round or eviscerated weight.

(3) The trip limit for red snapper in or from the Gulf for any other vessel for which a commercial permit for Gulf reef fish has been issued is zero.

(4) As a condition of a commercial vessel permit for Gulf reef fish, as required under § 622.4(a)(2)(v), without regard to where red snapper are harvested or possessed, a vessel that has been issued such permit—

(i) May not possess red snapper in or from the Gulf in excess of the appropriate vessel trip limit, as specified in paragraphs (e)(1) through (3) of this section.

(ii) May not transfer or receive at sea red snapper in or from the Gulf.

(f) *Caribbean queen conch*. A person who fishes in the Caribbean EEZ and is not subject to the bag limit may not possess in or from the Caribbean EEZ more than 150 queen conch per day.

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EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 63 FR 38303, July 16, 1998, § 622.44 was amended by revising the last sentence of the introductory text and paragraph (c), effective Dec. 14, 1998. For the convenience of the user, the superseded text is set forth as follows:

### § 622.44 Commercial trip limits.

\* \* \* For fisheries governed by this part, commercial trip limits apply as follows:

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(c) *Golden tilefish and snowy grouper*. A person who fishes in the South Atlantic EEZ on a trip and who is not subject to the bag limits may not exceed the following trip limits. (See § 622.39(a) for applicability of the bag limits.)

(1) Golden tilefish (round weight or gutted weight, that is, eviscerated but otherwise whole):

(i) Until the fishing year quota specified in § 622.42(e)(2) is reached, 5,000 lb (2,268 kg).

(ii) After the fishing year quota specified in § 622.42(e)(2) is reached, 300 lb (136 kg).

(2) Snowy grouper (round weight or gutted weight, that is, eviscerated but otherwise whole):

(i) Until the fishing year quota specified in § 622.42(e)(1) is reached, 2,500 lb (1,134 kg).

(ii) After the fishing year quota specified in § 622.42(e)(1) is reached, 300 lb (136 kg).

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### § 622.45 Restrictions on sale/purchase.

In addition to restrictions on sale/purchase related to closures, as specified in § 622.43 (a) and (b), restrictions on sale and/or purchase apply as follows.

(a) *Caribbean coral reef resource*. (1) No person may sell or purchase a Caribbean prohibited coral harvested in the Caribbean EEZ.

(2) A Caribbean prohibited coral that is sold in Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands will be presumed to have been harvested in the Caribbean EEZ, unless it is accompanied by documentation showing that it was harvested elsewhere. Such documentation must contain:

(i) The information specified in subpart K of part 300 of this title for marking containers or packages of fish or wildlife that are imported, exported, or transported in interstate commerce.

(ii) The name and home port of the vessel, or the name and address of the individual, harvesting the Caribbean prohibited coral.

(iii) The port and date of landing the Caribbean prohibited coral.

(iv) A statement signed by the person selling the Caribbean prohibited coral attesting that, to the best of his or her knowledge, information, and belief, such Caribbean prohibited coral was harvested other than in the Caribbean EEZ or the waters of Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands.

(b) *Caribbean reef fish.* A live red hind or live mutton snapper in or from the Caribbean EEZ may not be sold or purchased and used in the marine aquarium trade.

(c) *Gulf reef fish.* (1) A Gulf reef fish harvested in the EEZ on board a vessel that does not have a valid commercial permit for Gulf reef fish, as required under §622.4(a)(2)(v), or a Gulf reef fish possessed under the bag limits specified in §622.39(b), may not be sold or purchased.

(2) A Gulf reef fish harvested on board a vessel that has a valid commercial permit for Gulf reef fish may be sold only to a dealer who has a valid permit for Gulf reef fish, as required under §622.4(a)(4).

(3) A Gulf reef fish harvested in the EEZ may be purchased by a dealer who has a valid permit for Gulf reef fish, as required under §622.4(a)(4), only from a vessel that has a valid commercial permit for Gulf reef fish.

(d) *South Atlantic snapper-grouper.* (1) A person may sell South Atlantic snapper-grouper harvested in the EEZ only to a dealer who has a valid permit for South Atlantic snapper-grouper, as required under §622.4(a)(4).

(2) A person may purchase South Atlantic snapper-grouper harvested in the EEZ only from a vessel that has a valid commercial permit for South Atlantic snapper-grouper, as required under §622.4(a)(2)(vi), or from a person who has a valid commercial license to sell fish in the state where the purchase occurs.

(3) Except for the sale or purchase of South Atlantic snapper-grouper harvested by a vessel that has a valid commercial permit for South Atlantic snapper-grouper, the sale or purchase of such fish is limited to the bag limits specified in §622.39(d)(1).

(4) A warsaw grouper or speckled hind in or from the South Atlantic EEZ may not be sold or purchased.

(e) *South Atlantic wild live rock.* Wild live rock in or from the South Atlantic EEZ may not be sold or purchased. The prohibition on sale or purchase does not apply to wild live rock that was harvested and landed prior to January 1, 1996.

(f) *South Atlantic golden crab.* (1) A female golden crab in or from the South Atlantic EEZ may not be sold or purchased.

(2) A golden crab harvested in the South Atlantic EEZ on board a vessel that does not have a valid commercial permit for golden crab, as required under §622.17(a), may not be sold or purchased.

(3) A golden crab harvested on board a vessel that has a valid commercial permit for golden crab may be sold only to a dealer who has a valid permit for golden crab, as required under §622.4(a)(4).

(4) A golden crab harvested in the South Atlantic EEZ may be purchased by a dealer who has a valid permit for golden crab, as required under §622.4(a)(4), only from a vessel that has a valid commercial permit for golden crab.

(g) *South Atlantic rock shrimp.* (1) Rock shrimp harvested in the South Atlantic EEZ on board a vessel that does not have a valid commercial permit for rock shrimp, as required under §622.4(a)(2)(viii), may not be transferred, received, sold, or purchased.

(2) Rock shrimp harvested on board a vessel that has a valid commercial permit for rock shrimp may be transferred or sold only to a dealer who has a valid permit for rock shrimp, as required under §622.4(a)(4).

(3) Rock shrimp harvested in the South Atlantic EEZ may be received or purchased by a dealer who has a valid permit for rock shrimp, as required under §622.4(a)(4), only from a vessel that has a valid commercial permit for rock shrimp.

(h) *Cut-off (damaged) king mackerel.* A cut-off (damaged) king mackerel lawfully possessed or offloaded ashore, as

specified in § 622.38(h), may not be sold or purchased.

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**§ 622.46 Prevention of gear conflicts.**

(a) No person may knowingly place in the Gulf EEZ any article, including fishing gear, that interferes with fishing or obstructs or damages fishing gear or the fishing vessel of another; or knowingly use fishing gear in such a fashion that it obstructs or damages the fishing gear or fishing vessel of another.

(b) In accordance with the procedures and restrictions of the FMP for the Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico, the RD may modify or establish separation zones for shrimp trawling and the use of fixed gear to prevent gear conflicts. Necessary prohibitions or restrictions will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(c) In accordance with the procedures and restrictions of the FMP for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources, when the RD determines that a conflict exists in the king mackerel fishery between hook-and-line and gillnet fishermen in the South Atlantic EEZ off the east coast of Florida between 27°00.6' N. lat. and 27°50.0' N. lat., the RD may prohibit or restrict the use of hook-and-line and/or gillnets in all or a portion of that area. Necessary prohibitions or restrictions will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

**§ 622.47 Gulf groundfish trawl fishery.**

Gulf groundfish trawl fishery means fishing in the Gulf EEZ by a vessel that uses a bottom trawl, the unsorted catch of which is ground up for animal feed or industrial products.

(a) Other provisions of this part notwithstanding, the owner or operator of a vessel in the Gulf groundfish trawl fishery is exempt from the following requirements and limitations for the vessel's unsorted catch of Gulf reef fish:

(1) The requirement for a valid commercial vessel permit for Gulf reef fish in order to sell Gulf reef fish.

(2) Minimum size limits for Gulf reef fish.

(3) Bag limits for Gulf reef fish.

(4) The prohibition on sale of Gulf reef fish after a quota closure.

(b) Other provisions of this part notwithstanding, a dealer in a Gulf state is exempt from the requirement for a dealer permit for Gulf reef fish to receive Gulf reef fish harvested from the Gulf EEZ by a vessel in the Gulf groundfish trawl fishery.

**§ 622.48 Adjustment of management measures.**

In accordance with the framework procedures of the applicable FMPs, the RD may establish or modify the following management measures:

(a) *Caribbean coral reef resources.* Species for which management measures may be specified; prohibited species; harvest limitations, including quotas, trip, or daily landing limits; gear restrictions; closed seasons or areas; and marine conservation districts.

(b) *Caribbean reef fish.* Size limits, closed seasons or areas, fish trap mesh size, and the threshold level for overfishing.

(c) *Coastal migratory pelagic fish.* For cobia or for a migratory group of king or Spanish mackerel: MSY, overfishing level, TAC, quota (including a quota of zero), bag limit (including a bag limit of zero), minimum size limit, vessel trip limits, closed seasons or areas, gear restrictions (ranging from regulation to complete prohibition), reallocation of the commercial/recreational allocation of Atlantic group Spanish mackerel, and permit requirements.

(d) *Gulf reef fish.* (1) For a species or species group: Target date for rebuilding an overfished species, TAC, bag limits, size limits, vessel trip limits, closed seasons or areas, gear restrictions, and quotas.

(2) SMZs and the gear restrictions applicable in each.

(e) *Gulf royal red shrimp.* MSY, OY, and TAC.

(f) *South Atlantic snapper-grouper and wreckfish.* For species or species groups: Target dates for rebuilding overfished species, MSY, ABC, TAC, quotas, trip limits, bag limits, minimum sizes, gear restrictions (ranging from regulation to complete prohibition), and seasonal or area closures.

(g) *South Atlantic golden crab.* MSY, ABC, TAC, quotas (including quotas